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Lebanon

Security Situation — Complete calm prevailed in Beirut early 2 September after "Syrian-socialist" shelling shook the city the day before. Shells, reported by Voice of Lebanon radio to have been fired by Syrian forces, fell near the U.S. ambassador's residence in East Beirut as well as the Defense Ministry and the Presidential Palace in B'abda and later in West Beirut, according to Beirut radio reports. Meanwhile, Phalangist forces issued a statement broadcast by the Voice of Lebanon denouncing rumors that they were preparing to attack the Al-Laylaki area. Panic had spread earlier after rumors circulated that "gunmen" had entered Al-Laylaki and the Sabra and Shatila areas, according to Beirut radio. Security forces cited by the radio reassured the people that the rumors were false, stating that the Lebanese Army was protecting the area.

A Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) statement denied a Voice of Lebanon radio report that PSP forces had massacred 40 Christians in a small village in Al-Matn, Damascus radio reported. Those Druze and Christians in the village who died were victims of Phalangist shelling, the PSP statement asserted.

In another development, Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan met with Army General Ibrahim Tannus to study a new plan to deploy security and multinational forces in order to consolidate security and to prove that the authorities will treat each group fairly and without discrimination, Beirut radio stated.

Conflicting reports surrounded an incident in Tripoli with Beirut radio first announcing that a Lebanese Army barracks had been attacked by "armed elements." A subsequent broadcast downgraded the "attack" into an incident between "gunmen."

Ash-Shuf Redeployment — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin told President Reagan in a message reported by the Israeli paper *Ha'aretz* that if an agreement is not reached with the Druze in the Ash-Shuf, a battle will be fought when the area is turned over to the Lebanese Army. Although Israel does not want to be involved, the IDF is still prepared to turn over its positions to the Lebanese Army, Begin stated. Meanwhile, "senior military sources" cited by Jerusalem radio expressed doubts that the Lebanese Army will be able to take over because of the current fighting in Beirut.

With the Lebanese Army continuing to consolidate control in Beirut, opposition forces have given President Amin al-Jumayyil little hope of achieving a national accord. PSP leader Walid Junblatt told journalists in Damascus that the National Salvation Front, former President Sulayman Franjiyah, former Prime Minister Rashid Karami, and Amal Movement leader Nabih Birri have agreed there will be "no dialogue or accord," Damascus radio said. As for the future, Junblatt foresaw "fighting and only fighting," a related Radio Monte Carlo report added. He also told journalists that he considered U.S. Marine support for the Lebanese Army to be "hostile action." The radio reported Junblatt denied that Syrian forces were participating in the fighting as did a commentary broadcast by Damascus radio. Al-Murabitun leader Ibrahim Qulaylat also rejected Al-Jumayyil's call for reconciliation in a press conference reported by the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio.

Diplomatic Developments — An envoy from French President Francois Mitterrand met with President al-Jumayyil and U.S. special Middle East envoy Robert McFarlane, Beirut radio reported. According to Paris radio, the French envoy carried a proposal that Lebanese leaders meet on a French warship near Beirut. Meanwhile, the French aircraft carrier *Foch* will depart Toulon for Lebanon 1-2 September, Jerusalem radio stated.

Egyptian President Husni Mubarak offered to host a Lebanese conference to help settle the current conflict in an announcer-read appeal to the Lebanese people, Arab forces, and the international community broadcast by Cairo radio.

Israel

Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir is the new Herut Party candidate for prime minister, a party official announced in a statement broadcast by Jerusalem radio. The newly elected candidate later told *Ma'ariv* that his first goal as prime minister will be to reach a settlement in Lebanon that will guarantee peace for the northern settlements and the return of the IDF.

Prior to the election, Labor Party Chairman Shi'mon Peres told the radio that the Alignment supports a broadly based government headed by his faction, the largest in the Knesset. Referring to the five Knesset members who have declared publicly that they will support only a national unity government, Peres announced that he will not consider their views until the members bring their proposals to him.

PLO Affairs

All mediation attempts to solve PLO-Syrian differences have failed, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat revealed in an interview with the Paris-based paper *Al-Watan al-'Arabi* cited by INA. Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad had refused to see the PLO mediation committee in order to defeat its mission, 'Arafat told the paper.

The PLO office in Bonn disclosed that an attempt by the Israeli intelligence service Mosad to assassinate the office's director had been frustrated by German and Palestinian security forces, KUNA reported.

Libya

Al-Qadhdhafi on 6th Fleet — In a speech broadcast by Tripoli radio, Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi told foreign delegates at the revolution anniversary celebrations that if the 6th Fleet approached the Gulf of Sidra, the United States would experience a "new Dien Bien Phu." If the Fleet entered the Gulf the Libyan Air Force and Navy would destroy it, and if it carried the battle into Libyan territory, Libya would attack European bases used by the Fleet.

Among the foreign delegations were Fatah dissident leaders Colonel Sa'id Musa Muragha and Colonel Nimr Salih and PNC Chairman Khalid al-Fahum.

Fighting in Southern Chad — Diplomatic sources quoted by AP said "violent clashes" took place in southern Chad, Paris radio reported. The government denied reports by missionaries that President Hissein Habre's forces are responsible, the radio stated.

Egypt

Members of an "armed leftist group" arrested last month along with militant Muslims had links with Palestinian groups in southern Lebanon and Iranian leftists opposed to the Tehran regime, according to a Cairo magazine *Al-Musawwar* report cited by AFP. This is the first mention in the Egyptian press of armed leftist opposition in the country, AFP said.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Recent Syrian attempts to violate Iraqi airspace were aimed at forcing Iraq to pull its forces away from the Iranian conflict, the Iraqi Air Force and Air Defense commander contended in an interview with the Iraqi magazine *Hurras al-Watan* reported by INA. Iranian forces are also using Syrian experts along with Libyan and Israeli experts to help plan operations, the commander stated.

Meanwhile, IRNA reported mounting civilian casualties after Iraqi planes attacked the northwestern city of Marivan; an Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio mentioned raids against "enemy positions and troop concentrations" in the northern sector and against "important military targets" deep inside Iran.

Iran

Charges that Iranian "terrorist commandos" are using Vienna as a base for worldwide operations with aid from the Iranian Embassy cannot be confirmed, an Austrian Interior Ministry official told Vienna television. In an interview with the Vienna paper *Kurier*, Mojahedin-e Khalq leader Mas'ud Rajavi had charged the Khomeyni regime with using this "terrorist center" to export the Islamic Revolution.

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Sind Governor Comments on Elections, Disturbances

BK020318 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] The Sind Governor Lieutenant General S.M. Abbasi addressed members of Federal Council, local councils, and notables in Nawabshah today. Speaking on the occasion, he said the government is sincere to transfer power to the elected representatives of the people according to the schedule announced by the president.

The governor said that the people of Sind were patriotic and they would not tolerate the antisocial activities of a few miscreants who were trying to damage the public and private property. The people told the governor that they were opposed to the acts of destruction and they fully supported policies and programs of the present government.

Later, addressing members of Majlis-i-Shoora, provincial councillors and local councillors, and notables in Dadu, the governor said those who are found indulging in unlawful activities might be disqualified from contesting the elections. He was informed by the councillors and notables that the situation in Dadu district is calm and normal.

Addressing the federal, provincial, and local concillors in Larkana, the Sind governor said that violence in politics is not a healthy sign and those indulging in violence are causing damage to the public property. He said that only a fraction of population joined violent agitation in Sind and that too under pressure from certain quarters.[as heard]

The Sind governor said committees comprising representatives of martial law, police, and local administration have been formed at district level to look into matters of those arrested during the disturbances. He said of the arrested persons, 257 have been released after they were found to be innocent.

Radio Pakistan's representative says while driving from Nawabshah to Larkana, the governor got down from the car at the Qazi and Moro, Mehar and Khairpur Nathan towns besides other places and freely mixed with the people. He heard their grievances and assured early redressal.

Zia Urged To Create Climate of Peace in Sind

GF020806 Karachi Dawn in English 28 Aug 83 p 9

[Text] A leading writer and intellectual of Sind, Professor Asadullah Bhutto, has appealed to President Ziaul Haq to create a climate of peace and remove the apprehension of a confrontation between the people and the armed forces.

In a statement, he said the movement in the internal areas of Sind was not directed against the integrity and solidarity of the country. Instead, it was a reaction against a growing sense of deprivation, bribery, lawlessness, dearness, insecurity, absence of democracy and inefficiency of the bureaucracy. But he pointed out that if the patriotic and Islam-loving people continued to be punished in the present manner, the movement might assume a separatist character.

While condemning acts of sabotage and subversion, he said the people of Sind are staunch Muslims and loyal Pakistanis. They had now risen against the wrong policies of the government, lack of effective steps for the propagation of Islam, and absence of a stable political system.

Prof Bhutto said if correct decisions were not taken immediately about holding elections, the movement might pass into wrong hands. Citing an example, he said the people of East Pakistan were also patriotic and Islam-loving but the wrong policies and dilly-dallying tactics in handing over power to the elected representatives frustrated the masses and led them on to path of separation. He said: "We should take lesson from the tragedy of East Pakistan and should not repeat the mistakes which we committed in the past."

Prof Bhutto appealed to the patriotic and Islam-loving forces to play an effective role in restoring the climate of love, brotherhood and homogeniety in Sind.

Summary Courts Sentence Martial Law Violators

BK020859 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 2 Sep 83

[Text] A summary military court in Karachi has sentenced one person to 3-year rigorous imprisonment for possessing a pistol and bullets without a license. A summary military court in Dera Ghazi Khan sentenced two people to 1-year imprisonment and 50,000-rupee fine. A summary military court heard cases against three people for violation of martial law regulations and sentenced them to 1-year rigorous imprisonment and fines ranging between 50,000 to 300,000 rupees.

Polling in Northwest Province 'Peaceful'

BK011539 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] In the Northwest Frontier Province, polling was held today for elections to various tiers of local bodies. A total of 17,563 candidates were in the fray for 4,878 seats, including 8 seats for the minorities. Radio Pakistan's Peshawar representative says that both men and women voters displayed unprecedented enthusiasm during the polling. According to reports from various towns and villages, the polling was peaceful throughout the province.

Zia's 'Politicians Are Patriots' Statement Praised

GF012030 Islamabad The Muslim in English 26 Aug 83 p 4

[Editorial: "Sanity in Politics"]

[Text] During his recent visit to Karachi, President Ziaul Haq finally spoke his mind about the tragic happenings in the country. While stating that the situation was "regrettable not alarming," the president added that "acts of lawlessness and subversion were being committed by a handful of persons." He added he was not averse to political parties or the politicians. More importantly, he conceded that politicians "are as much patriots as we are."

This presidential announcement is thus positive and strengthens his call for sanity in national politics. Regrettably, this is one element which has been lacking of late. Where looting, arson and burning government property — even the deplorable desecration of the national flag in one place — cannot help in achieving stated objectives, conversely, floggings of political workers are inhuman and degrading. There is no doubt violence begets violence. Although security forces have been deployed in the riot-stricken areas of the agitation, the government has acted with commendable restraint and prudence in coping with what is an increasingly difficult situation.

The need of the hour is to defuse the situation by political means and not via use of force. The president should carry forward his own "politicians are patriots" statement and take the initiative for a dialogue with national political leaders. The president has reiterated the commitment to his own programme of civilianisetion of martial law and transfer of power. There is no reason why given the gravity of the situation, a dialogue cannot be initiated. Any talk of normal restoration of political process in Pakistan without the political parties and the politicians would be just like staging Hamlet without the prince of Denmark.

In the course of this agitation, we are hearing a somewhat familiar refrain in that the blame is being put on "subversion, foreign hand and miscreants." These are serious allegations and in case they are stated by responsible government officials, it would only be sensible as well as necessary for the government's own credibility to identify what foreign hand, if any, is behind the recent happenings in the country. After all, it cannot be forgotten that most of the components of the MRD are those, who till a couple of years ago, were actively co-operative with and supportive of the martial law and some even served in the cabinet of President Ziaul Haq. Given this, there should not be much difficulty for the government to start talking to its political opponents, whose patriotism has been certified by the president himself. No call could be saner than the one by the veteran politician Mian Mumtaz Daultana who, during his recent address to the Lahore press club stated that "the initiative for a dialogue should come from the government which alone holds the key to solve the political impasse." By heeding this call, the government would be doing a great service to the national interest which should be upper-most in the minds of all those who care for this country.

JUP Leader Explains Decision Not To Join MRD

GF011201 Islamabad The Muslim in English 27 Aug 83 p 1

[Text] Lahore, Aug. 26 — Maulana Abdus Sattar Khan Niazi, the secretary general, defunct JUP, [Jamiat ul-Ulema-i-Pakistan] said here today that his party did not oppose the MRD demands but only gave a priority to the Nizam-e-Mustafa. As far as the issue of joining the MRD was concerned, he said, it was the consistent stand of his party not to join its ranks.

Talking to reporters here today he said the JUP would finalise the nature of "direct action" in the first week of next month when its executive meets in Karachi under the chairmanship of Maulana Shah Ahmed Noorani.

Maulana Niazi said that the decision taken at the Lahore meeting has the endorsement of Shah Ahmed Noorani and that his opinion had also been sought telephonically when the meeting was being held. The JUP secretary general categorically refuted that his party had ever stated that no patriotic party should remain outside MRD struggle.

Censorship Imposed on Karachi Newspaper

GF020811 Karachi Dawn in English 28 Aug 83 p 9

[Text] Pre-censorship was imposed from Saturday on Karachi's Urdu daily *Aman*, according to newspaper's editor Mr Afzal Siddiqui. He said *Aman*'s advertisements were stopped in April 1982 while its newsprint quota was stopped from November last year.

Meanwhile, Mr Minhaj Barna, chairman, All-Pakistan Newspaper Employees Confederation (APNEC), has criticised the Sind government's action in imposing pre-censorship on the *Aman* and urged the governor of Sind to withdraw the order — PPI

MASHRIQ Denounces Indian 'Interference'

GF011107 Karachi Mashriq in Urdu 28 Aug 83 p 3

[Editorial: "Hostile Attitude of India"]

[Text] The interference in the internal affairs of Pakistan by Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao reveals the specific Indian mentality and past grudges. It cannot be denied that whenever India is confronted with domestic problems or whenever things get out of hand in India or, for reasons known to India alone, whenever it does not want to resolve its internal problems, it invariably opens a front against Pakistan to divert the attention of the Indian public from the real issues.

It is no longer a secret that demonstrations against the regime are going on in East Punjab and in several provinces of South India. The problems in Assam have become chronic. India has even used force in Assam and the Punjab, but to no use. Thus, the only way left for India is to open a front against Pakistan of whatever nature it may be. Most probably it was in these circumstances that Mr Narasimha Rao was compelled to convey to both the houses of the Indian parliament that India felt concerned about the internal situation in Pakistan, especially, the situation in Sind. He also raised the question of the detention of Khan 'Abdol Ghaffar Khan and has openly opposed the return of Pakistan to the Commonwealth. Mr Narasimha Rao thus has expressed traditional Indian hostitily toward Pakistan and has interfered in its internal affairs.

As far as Pakistan is concerned, it has from the very beginning adopted the policy of noninterference in the internal affairs of other countries and stands firm on this policy. Whatever has been happening in the various provinces of India, Pakistan has always took them as a matter concerning India alone, and no leader in Pakistan has ever said anything about the internal affairs of India. The examplary behavior which Pakistan has adopted in

these circumstances deserves a similar attitude from its neighbors.

As far as the relations between Pakistan and India are concerned, Pakistan has always sincerely wanted both countries to live in a state of peaceful coexistence and abstain from interference in each other's internal affairs. They should do their level best to normalize their relations with each other. In some places in Pakistan, some irresponsible elements have taken the law into their own hands and have created a law and other situation. It is the responsibility of the government to bring things under control. This has been done and it is a matter of satisfaction that things are improving.

It is an open secret that the Indian foreign minister, by interfering in the internal affairs of Pakistan, has struck a blow to the good will feelings which the president of Pakistan has been nourishing toward its neighbors. With the utmost sincerity, the president of Pakistan has offered his hand in friendship to India and it has been through his untiring efforts that some signs of improvement in the relations between the two countries have come to surface.

These efforts are being undone by the irresponsible statements which are being issued. Pakistan fears that inspite of its earnest desire to normalize its relations with India, the Pakistani efforts toward this end may be jeopardized.

With regard to Pakistan's re-entry into the Commonwealth of Nations, Pakistan has no objection to reinstating its membership, but only if it is accepted back into the Commonwealth in an honorable way. However, Pakistan will not allow anybody to interfere in its internal affairs simply for the sake of winning membership in the Commenwealth.

SRI LANKA

Jayewardene Meets With Indian Special Envoy

BK020332 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] President Jayewardene has said he proposed to fully implement the district development council scheme so that every district would enjoy [words indistinct]. This would also help the people to participate in the fullest in the administration of the district. The president also explained to the special envoy of the Indian prime minister, Mr. G. Parthasarathy, that neither the Government nor the people of Sri Lanka would agree to a division of the country.

President Jayewardene thanked the special envoy for the assistance that India has given for the displaced persons. India has sent ships for transporting some displaced persons from Colombo to Jaffna. It had also given food, clothing, and medicine.

The president briefed the envoy of the measures that the present government had taken since 1977 to resolve the minority problems and also the background for the recent disturbances.

Mr. Parthasarathy met the president on two occasions. He also (?talked to) the Cabinet ministers, the leader of the Tamil United Liberation Front, A. Amirthalingam, Mrs Srimavo Bandaranaike, and Dr Colvin R. de Silva.

AFP: Fresh Violence Erupts; 1 Killed, 2 Injured

BK020950 Hong Kong AFP in English 0937 GMT 2 Sep 83

[AFP: "This dispatch was subject to censorship."]

[Excerpt] Colombo, Sep. 2 (AFP) — A ruling party politician and a youth thought to be a Tamil were shot dead and two others were injured in separate incidents as fresh violence erupted in the north and east in the past two days, official sources said today. An unidentified youth in "some kind of military uniform" shot dead a ruling United National Party (UNP) politician in the eastern town of Batticaloa, where ethnic violence was reported last weekend, they said.

A member of the local government body, the politician was asleep at his home when the shooting occurred.

In an incident north of Batticaloa, another person believed to be a UNP supporter was shot at and injured, the sources said.

On Wednesday night in the northern capital of Jaffna, the heartland of the Tamil separatist movement, a police patrol was fired on by a group of youths putting up posters calling on the Tamils to demonstrate against the government and students toboycott classes.

The police fired back, killing one and wounding another, government spokesman Douglas Liyanage said.

On the same day youths robbed a state institution of 14,000 rupees (about 600 dollars), sources said. Two cooperative stores had been robbed earlier.

Mr. Liyanage attributed these incidents to the "resumption of normal activity," in the north following the week-long anti-Tamil riots that straddled July and August, leaving at least 371 dead and 100,000 homeless. The riots were sparked by the ambush killing of 13 soldiers by militant minority Tamils seeking an independent Tamil state in the north.

Mr. Liyanage said that school attendance in Jaffna had fallen to about 35 per cent, apparently in response to the call to boycott classes and parents' fear of sending their children to school.

In northeastern Trincomalee, school attendance also was reported to be poor.

Lebanon Warned on Massacre of Muslims, U.S Action
LD011834 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Report on interview with Foreign Affairs Minister Dr 'Ali Akbar Velayati]

[Text] Foreign Affairs Minister Velayati, in an interview, talked about the recent clashes west of Beirut and the massacre of the Muslims and the oppressed Shi'ites of that region. He said:

The events in Lebanon, particularly the recent developments in the western part of Beirut, show a calculated conspiracy to crush the Shi'ites and the deprived Muslims of Lebanon. The conspiracy pursues various aims, the main one being to increase U.S. sovereignty in the Lebanese arena and to stabilize the occupation of the Zionist forces in that country. The United States is pursuing this conspiracy by removing the last remaining obstacles,that is, the resistance of the Muslims and the deprived and free Shi'ites of Lebanon. Most significant in the recent events is the overt and direct intervention of the American forces and their extensive support for the Phalangist military forces in crushing and massacring the people of Lebanon. They have employed the Marines and helicopter gunships, and now an aircraft carrier has arrived on the Lebanese coasts to frighten the Muslim people of this country.

Velayati added: We believe that the steadfastness and resistance of the deprived Shi'ites and the free Muslims of Lebanon will defeat this conspiracy and teach the aggressors a good lesson. At the same time, we seriously warn the Government of Lebanon about this massacre of the Muslims and we warn them against carryng out such deeds which achieve nothing except to serve U.S. interests and to impose a mandate on Lebanon.

Our country's foreign affairs minister concluded: The Arabic, Islamic, and nonaligned countries of the world should recognize their responsibilities in the face of the aggression of the U.S. forces under the cover of the so-called "multinational peacekeeping forces" and they should oppose the U.S. support for the Zionist occupiers and these interventions and warmongering acts.

In this connection, the charge d'affaires of the Lebanese Embassy in Tehran was summoned to the Foreign Affairs Ministry and a protest was delivered to him in connection with the massacre of Lebanon's Muslims.

Hijacked Plane, Passengers Depart Mehrabad 1 Sep
LD011804 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] According to our correspondent, the crew and passengers of the Air France Boeing-727 which was hijacked by four hijackers in France [as heard] on Saturday 5 Shahrivar [27 August] and landed at Mehrabad Airport on Sunday, left Tehran for Paris at 1755 hours today. According to the same report, the hijacked Boeing-727 plane also left Mehrabad Airport at 1950 hours tonight to be handed over to the French Government.

The French charge d'affaires in Tehran, who had come to Mehrabad Airport to see off the passengers of the hijacked French aircraft, said: I thank the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Iranian officials for the facilities they have put at our disposal and also for their continuous efforts, which resulted in a successful solution to this problem.

Cheysson Thanks Velayati
LD011744 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text) French Minister of External Relations Claude Cheysson, in a message to our country's Foreign Affairs Minister Velayati, today thanked the officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran for their efforts in connection with the hijacked Air France plane.

Velayati Greets Libya on Revolution Anniversary
LD011243 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] Our country's Foreign Affairs Minister Velayati issued a message congratulating the Muslim government and nation of Libya on the anniversary of the 1 September Revolution. The text of the message follows.

In His exalted name. To Mr 'Abd al-'Ati al-'Ubaydi, secretary of foreign liaison of the Libyan Jamahiriyah: May I extend my congratulations and felicitations to my dear brother and to the Muslim government and nation of Libya on 1 September, the anniversary of the Al-Fatih Revoluiton. Fourteen years ago today, the Libyan people crushed the royal regime and founded the Libyan Jamahiriyah as a powerful redoubt in the frontline of the battlefront against colonialism and global arrogance.

The support given by the government and nation of Libya to Islamic Revolution and to the Islamic Republic of Iran, particularly with regard to the war imposed by the Iraqi Ba'thist regime, and also the irreconcilable stance adopted by the government and nation of Libya in confronting the Zionist enemy express the loyalty of the Libyan Jamahiriyah to the aspirations of the Al-Fatih Revolution; and it is not for nothing that global arrogance, headed by the United States, has pointed the sharp edge of its attacks toward the Libyan Jamhiriyah in recent years in order to slow the course of revolution in your country.

However, there is no doubt that the revolutionary unity of the Muslim peoples of Iran and Libya and the violent struggles waged by the rising masses of this region will frustrate all these plots and will thereby bring about the final victory of the meek.

On the eve of this auspicious day I beseeech Almighty God to grant happiness and progress to the Muslim nation of Libya.

[Signed] 'Ali Akbar Velayati, foreign minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,445
LD011729 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Communique No 1,445 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. During the past 24 hours, sporadic exchanges of artillery and heavy weapons fire continued between our forces and the enemy throughout the country's northern and southern fronts. On both fronts, the powerful combatants of Islam, carrying out defense measures and guarding their defense zones and lines, opened fire and dispatched patrol groups and brought the movements and activities of the Iraqi forces under their control. They silenced the Saddamist mercenaries' fire and inflicted losses and casualties on them.

On the Marivan front, the heavy artillery fire of the combatants of Islam destroyed positions and installations of the Iraqi forces in the Rawshan and Turman regions. A number of Saddamist mercenaries were killed and one of their motor parks was set on fire, resulting in considerable damage to enemy vehicles.

On the Mehran fronts, exchanges of fire continued between our powerful forces and the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries; they were more intense yesterday than on previous days.

On the Abadan and Khuninshahr fronts, the combatants of Islam, consisting of the heroes of the Navy and the Gendarmerie, returned fire on enemy positions and fortifications on the other side of the Arvand Rud, killed or wounded a number of the enemy servicemen, pounded and destroyed a number of slit trenches, foxholes, and observation posts of the mercenary Iraqi Ba'thist forces, and managed to silence the fire of the Iraqi forces.

This morning the city of Marivan was bombed by the Iraqi Ba'thist criminals. As a result, 40 of our beloved compatriots were martyred, 200 others were wounded, and residential buildings in the city were damaged.

The city of Abadan also came under the artillery fire of theIraqi forces yesterday. As a result, several houses were damaged.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of The Islamic Republic of Iran

President Khamene'i Condemns Bombing of Marivan
LD011821 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Statement issued 1 September by President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i on bombing of Marivan City]

[Text] In His exalted name. Honorable citizens of Marivan: Muslim Kurdish sisters and brothers: The bombing of the heroic, resistant city of Marivan by the corrupt Iraqi regime,which resulted in the martyring or wounding of a number of our innocent and defenseless Kurdish sisters and brothers, again reveals the odious face of the Iraqi rulers — these foes of God and humanity — and again proves that the aggressive Iraqi regime's claim to be seeking peace is merely a ruse.

The propaganda trumpets of the Eastern and Western superpowers which, on one hand, fully support the Baghdad regime and, on the other hand, while witnessing these crimes, publicize the Saddam regime's peacekeeping nature, pursue no other aim than deceiving the nations.

By bombing populated areas and defenseless cities, the superpowers attempt to impose the logic of force and the law of the jungle on international relations. They imagine that by repeating these crimes they can force Islamic Iran to agree to an imposed and abject peace. However, your warrior sons on the battlefronts, relying on the strength of faith, are about to deal decisive blows to the body of the army of blasphemy.

I am confident that Islam's heroic combatants soon will avenge the blood of these dear martyrs and all the martyrs who fell during the imposed war against the infidel, mercenary Iraqi regime.

I send you my condolences, Muslim citizens of Marivan, on the martyrdom of your dear ones and I expect the heroic combatants of the battlefronts of good against evil, armed with steadfastness and heroism, not to give any respite to the craven and godless enemy in face-to-face combat until his total demise.

Hoping for victory for Islam and the Muslims,

[Signed] Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRNA Updates Casualty Figures in Marivan Bombing
LD012226 Tehran IRNA in English 1951 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] Sanandaj, Sept. 1, IRNA — Latest reports reaching here said that 46 people lost their lives as a result of bombardment of Marivan by the Iraqi raiding planes this morning.

The inhabitants along with the military and security forces are continuing their search for possible more victims.

At 10:15 hours local time today, the Iraqi planes besides their savage attack on civilians also destroyed over 100 heads of cattle of the local farmers.

Iraqi Friday Imam Seeks Political Asylum
LD011255 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Excerpts] The Friday imam of the Iraqi city of (Shana Dari) has sought asylum in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In this connection, our correspondent has sent us a dispatch to which we now draw your attention:

During the past few days, after suffering great trials and tribulations, the Friday imam of the Iraqi city of (Shana Dari)

has arrived in our Islamic homeland through the country's western borders and has requested asylum.

According to a report from our correspondent, Mulla Muhammad Naqib Hasan al-Barzanji, the Friday imam of the Iraqi city of (?Shana Dari) [words indistinct] was accorded a warm welcome by Islam's combatants on his arrival in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

According to the same report, the Friday imam of this Iraqi city met yesterday with the esteemed representative of the imam in the Kordestan region, Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hajj Seyyed Musa Musavi, and reported on the turbulent situation in Iraq.

His reason for seeking asylum in the Islamic Republic of Iran is his opposition to the anti-Islamic and infidel Saddamist regime.

Khamene'i: I Consider Musavi Government Successful

LD272116 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 83

[Text] In the course of remarks on the occasion of Government Week, President Khamene'i praised the greats and beloved martyrs, Raja'i and Bahonar, expressed regrets over their demise and then stressed: All in all, I consider the government of Musavi a successful one; this is because, first of all, Musavi is a faithful, hardworking, sympathetic, and able individual who is capable of achieving great tasks. And, second, the obstacles, difficulties, and lack of coordination which existed during Martyr Raja'i's government do not exist now. Broadly speaking, cooperation and unity in the implementation of tasks can result in great successes for the government.

Alluding to the fact that responsible brothers and ministers must overcome the existing weaknesses through perseverance, devotion, and selection of good and reliable colleagues, the president stressed: The government's future policy should be in line with Islam and lead toward safeguarding the interests of the majority of the people, namely, the deprived and the poor.

Montazeri Addresses Students on Hajj, Revolution

GF271642 Tehran IRNA in English 1603 GMT 27 Aug 83

[Text] Qom, Aug. 27, IRNA — Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri here Friday received students from some 30 countries who are currently in Iran attending the international conference of Islamic students movements.

Ayatollah Montazeri, commenting on the issue that Islam was the religion of politics, said that, unfortunately, colonial powers and enemies of Islam have distorted this fact to a point that some think religion is separate from politics. Even the agents of imperialism in Islamic countries have been harping on the same cord. It is part of this policy, he told the visitors, that these leaders do not want the Iranian hajj pilgrims to chant slogans such as "Death to America" and "Death to the Zionist regime."

However, he stressed, the holy Koran refers to the house of God as a place of uprising against infidelity.

In another part of his address, Ayatollah Montazeri, referring to the issue of export of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, pointed out the role of students and universities in the struggle against world oppressors. He further stressed that the Islamic Revolution of Iran, because of its Islamic nature, is not limited to Iran; the objective of the revolution is to liberate all countries under oppression and injustice. This does not mean interference in domestic affairs of other countries or having expansionist desires, Ayatollah Montazeri said. Such allegations, he added, are fabricated by the enemies of Islam.

Continuing on the same subject, he said that exporting the revolution means exporting the pure and genuine Islam to the world and also making the oppressed and deprived of the world aware of the fact that by means of Islam they could attain their freedom.

As for the Iraqi imposed war, he said the objective of the U.S. Administration, and the West in general, in imposing the war on Iran was that the enemies of Islam feared export of the revolution. Therefore, in a bid to contain the Islamic Revolution of Iran, they imposed the war on Iran and have inflicted casualties and damages on Iran. For instance, Saddam has stated that if he had not started the war in the interests of his American and European allies, the Islamic Revolution of Iran would have spread to other countries and, in his words, created a large empire.

This statement of the Iraqi ruler, he added, clearly illustrates fear of the U.S. and West from Islam and proved his (Saddam's) dependence on foreign power. Therefore, he told the visiting students that they all shouldered a great responsibility and they should do their best for revival of Islam, he concluded.

Montazeri Meets With IRGC Officials, Others

LD281427 Tehran IRNA in English 1050 GMT 28 Aug 83

[Text] Qom, Aug. 28, IRNA — Iranian people have so far solved all their problems by themselves and they [word indistinct] the military force of the IRGC, the armed forces, the basij and others as of their own, said Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri in a meeting Saturday with the Islamic revolution's Corps commanding Council, IRGC Minister Mohsen Rafiqdust, and Hojjat-Oleslam Taheri Khorramabadi, and Hojjat ol-Eslam Mahalati, the representatives of Imam Khomeyni in the IRGC.

Ayatollah Montazeri called on the IRGC officials to avoid entangling the IRGC with unnecessary things and continue their simple popular ways of recruiting forces for fronts. He said that special attention should be paid for the IRGC military education.

Also Saturday, Ayatollah Mohammad Mohammadi Gilani, and Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Mo'men met and conferred with Ayatollah Montazeri and presented him with reports on the Council of Guardians of the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran and situation of prisoners.

Musavi on Plan To Divide Shi'ites, Sunnis

GF011620 Tehran IRNA in English 1602 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sep. 1, IRNA — Hoseyn Musavi the prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran today met with members of the society of the Sunni ulema of Kordestan and West Azarbayjan.

During the meeting prime minister stressed on the necessity of maintaining solidarity between different strata in society in order to combat the vicious plots of the world imperialism adding that the Islamic revolution was not exclusively restricted to the Iranian nation and that it belonged to the Muslim world.

He said that tendency towards Islam and the holy Koran had been a general inclination, throughout history of all the different Islamic sects.

He continued that the world colonialism fabricated a particular history for each of the races in a bid to cause fissure among the people of the world so that the masses would not have enough in common to get united against the imperialists.

Musavi concluded that the world news networks being under the control on the Zionists used to introduce division among the Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims of Iran after the culmination of the Islamic revolution, but, he added, they failed to carry out their plans due to the vigilance of the Shi'ite and Sunni ulema.

Chief Justice Stresses Importance of Kordestan

LD291015 Tehran IRNA in English 0905 GMT 29 Aug 83

[Text] Tehran, aug 29 (IRNA) — Chief Justice Ayatollah Musavi Ardabili Sunday warned counterrevolutionaries that western province of Kordestan was an inseparable part of the Islamic Republic and that it would be safeguarded even at the cost of the blood of all revolutionary guards and Islamic combatants.

Speaking to a group of Friday prayers leaders of Kordestan and West Azarbayjan provinces, Ayatollah Musavi Ardabili emphasised on the unity of Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims.

He stressed that since the very beginning of the culmination of the Islamic Revolution, counterrevolutionaries and enemies of Islam attempted to sow seeds of discord among Muslims in order to plunder them.

The chief justice called on the officials to give priority to the development project for Kordestan Province, adding that if Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims were united neither the West and the East, nor the whole world could do any harm to the Islamic Republic.

Ground Forces Commander on Kordestan Operations

GF011720 Tehran IRNA in English 1604 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 1, IRNA — The commander of the Islamic Republic Ground Forces, Colonel 'Ali Sayyad-Shirazi, said that the armed forces had launched crash mop-up operations in Kordestan region.

Interviewed by the evening daily *Ettela'at*, he said that the Val Fajr-2 offensive, launched in the northwestern sector of the warfronts, in June 22, played a crucial role in wiping out the counterrevolution in the area. Following the offensive, he added, crash operations have been carried out for the final mopping up of the Kordestan area before the approach of the winter.

In the interview which was printed in today's issue of the newspaper, the commander of the ground forces said God willing before winter season, we will deal crashing blows on the counterrevolution, of course with the cooperation of the local people.

The issues, he continued, might be resolved, besides military means, also through economic, political, cultural and social approaches aiming at maintaining security and stability of the region. As for the status of the counterrevolution, he said that they kept moving from one place to another and the Islamic forces were chasing them in Urumiyeh-Seruk axis.

He also said that a number of the counterrevolution may surrender and a large group of them had already done so. At the border axis of Iran-Iraq, the counterrevolution was deprived from any possibility of crossing the border in groups, he added.

'Mercenaries' Routed in West Azarbayjan 27 Aug

LD280334 Tehran IRNA in English 1953 GMT 27 Aug 83

[Text] Orumyieh Aug. 27, IRNA — A group of outlawed Komeleh mercenaries intending to gain control of a point along Sar Dasht-Baneh [word indistinct] in West Azarbayjan were immediately routed by the Islamic combatants this morning.

Governor of Sar Dasht, confirming the report, said that the rebel forces left behind 10 killed and 1 wounded in this operation.

Gendarmerie Commander on Smuggling, Border Security

LD311349 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 31 Aug 83

[Text] Colonel Kuchekzadeh, commander of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran, answered reporters' questions today at a news conference.

After referring to the extensive presence of Gendarmerie forces on the fronts of the imposed war and their efforts to maintain security on the roads in Kordestan and Azarbayjan, he moved on to the issue of smuggling. He said: In accordance with plans, by coordinating the brothers in the Sistan and Baluchestan committees, the antismuggling forces will be fundamentally fortified.

Referring to the favorable results achieved by the antismuggling groups, he said: During the past 5 months, about four tons of narcotics and millions of tons of smuggled goods have been discovered.

Regarding the maintenance of security on the country's borders, he said: An apparatus called Jondollah [Army of God] has begun its activities in various groups on the country's borders.

Regarding Afghans residing in the country, he said: As the Interior Ministry has announced, every Afghan should have an indentity card. The highway patrol has been instructed to stop all Afghans traveling without identity cards. So far, more than 12,000 Afghans traveling without identity cards have been stopped.

He said: The pilots training school of the Gendarmerie opened on April 1983; its preliminary course has finished. God willing, we will be able to see their technical operations in the future.

Concerning the situation on the roads, he said: As it was seen in practice, the highway patrol was in full control of the roads on land and air during the summer. In this connection, an extensive effort has been made from every aspect, namely, strengthening the forces. Recently, about 100 cars have been placed at the disposal of the highway police, to be used for better supervision of traffic.

Prosecutor General on Drug, Corruption Campaign
LD281043 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 27 Aug 83

[Text] In an interview with our correspondent, Musavi-Tabrizi, Islamic Revolution's prosecutor general, elaborated on his office's attempts to eradicate hoarding and profiteering and on the performance and management of the 25 Tehran offices of the antidrug campaign. We draw your attention to this interview: [Passage indistinct]

Referring to the formation of the border battalion for antidrug activities, Mr Musavi-Tabrizi said: In accordance with the security council's directive, a headquarters has been established for drug control on the country's borders. It has been decided to deal seriously with the issue through the formation of the border battalion and the establishment of new border posts, construction of border roads, and granting additional powers to the prosecutors in the border cities.

At the conclusion of this interview, the revolution prosecutor general referred to the formation of guidance patrols: As in the case of profiteering and drug smuggling, we believe the issue has a political aspect. In this case, we believe the spread of corruption in society is not a simple and personal issue. It also has a political aspect. He added: A number of counterrevolutionaries are trying to create open corruption in society to make our Islamic regime appear barbaric. Therefore, a headquarters under the name of guidance patrols has been set up. Its members are brother and sister volunteers. These patrols are active in the cities. Their tasks are to very politely warn those brothers and sisters who disregard Islamic appearances. Should these people decide to resist and to disregard the patrols' cautions and guidance, they are empowered to detain the offenders and hand them over to the judicial authorities. Thus, the offenders can be punished and educated in accordance with religous laws.

Prosecutor General Comments on Opposition Groups
LD302112 Tehran IRNA in English 1944 GMT 30 Aug 83

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 30 IRNA — The Islamic Republic is so strong today that it can easily withstand and weather its opponents'criticism, said Prosecutor General Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed Hoseyn Musavi-Tabrizi in an exclusive interview with *Keyhan* daily Monday.

He said that the freedom movement could criticise the Islamic Republic in its various literature, but he added, its pratices should not be contradictory with this criticism. He also said that the Hojjatiyeh Society (?could resume) its activities once permission from the interior ministry is secured.

On the release of imprisoned convicts, he said that if the officials felt that their release posed no threat for the Islamic Republic, it would free all of them, as Imam Khomeyni has intimated.

On the Tudeh Party leaders, the prosecutor general said that they will be tried in the near future, dispelling rumours of those who claimed that Iran was not willing to try them due to foreign pressure.

On the Hojjatiyeh Society, he said that if they were engaged in counterrevolutionary acts, they would receive the same treatment as the other opponents of the Islamic Republic. He said they could resume their operations if they had permission from the interior ministry.

On the freedom movement, he said that their criticism about the Islamic Republic was not objected to by his office, since criticism was legal and permitted by the prosecutor general's office and complemented the Islamic Republic, but criticism imbued with slanders and accusations against various people was not allowed. He said that criticism which was part of a wider plot against the government was indeed a crime punishable in accordance with the law.

On the Baha'is, he said although the Islamic Republic had no intention of reacting to the propaganda of the news imperialism [as received] on Iran's treatment of Baha'is, however, he (?said that) it planned to shed light on the nature of the group for those who were mistaken about them.

"Although the news imperialism accuses Iran of executing the Baha'is due to their beliefs, Iran did not do so, and has time and again announced this. He noted that some of them were spies and were punished and that Iran had evidence and documents attesting to their spying for foreign powers, and at times receiving aid and financial support from them. He said a recent plot of the Baha'is was hoarding things needed by the people, such as automobile parts, etc.

He said the Islamic Republic of Iran does not (?recognize) Baha'ism, stressing that the Baha'is are considered a conspiratorial group by the officials of his office.

He emphasized that Iranian officials do not harass those Baha'is who only practise their religion in seclusion without trying to proselyte others nor engaged in securing aid and information for

foreigners and were not involved in organizational work. He said the Baha'is activities within their own community was allowed but their organisational work outside of that was forbidden since they were deemed plotters.

Speaking on the recent arrests of some members of the majority group of the Fedayeen-e Khalq organisation, Tabrizi said that they were not arrested due to their links to the Tudeh Party or due to their belonging to that group, but they were charged with illegal arms possession, subversive activities in factories,etc.

When asked on the plots and activities of the monarchists abroad, the prosecutor-general of the Islamic Republic of Iran said that they will be countered by the Islamic Republic and that Iran will never allow such groups to act after giving 100,000 [words indistinct].

Speaking on news imperialism's propaganda on the number of the imprisoned counterrevolutionaries and splinter groups, Tabrizi said that however many prisoners Iran had, the imperialists will never be satisfied, and that Iran will react to all those who acted against the security of the country, and will never let them threaten the safety of Iran.

He added that Iran in spite of the number of its prisoners, will continue to preserve its sovereignty at all costs and will not let the foreign elements act in the country.

He said that his office planned to free those prisoners who have rehabilitated and those who pose no threat to (?society), noting that this was the view of Imam Khomeyni and other officials.

On hoarders, he said that his office was fighting them with all its might, but the problem in addition to being a welfare-related or profit-related matter was also a political one carried out by those who sought the Islamic Republic. [sentence as received]

NVOI Reacts to 'Stage-Managed' Tudeh TV Appearances

TA301934 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 30 Aug 83

[Unattributed commentary: "Our Homeland's People Condemn Islamic Government's Disgraceful Stage Management"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: Since the people are well aware of the true nature, particularly the attitude and approach, of the Islamic Government toward opponents, whether religious or nonreligious, they do not place the slightest value on the stage management by the Islamic Governemt's SAVAKists. For this reason, the people have told and are telling this punitive government: If you are not hiding anything up your sleeve, grant an entry permit to a neutral international delegation consisting of jurists, doctors, psychologists and experts to examine the Tudeh prisoners. However, day and night, you are talking about virtue, piety, sincerity, faith, Islam, and worship of God, without any regard to this legal demand by our homeland's people and progressive mankind. You are trying, by applying constant and more brutal torture and by forcing the imprisoned Tudehis to appear on the television screen with smiles and normal features, to prove that you have not used physical, mental, and medical tortures on the Tudehis and patriots.

You, by resorting to such condemned deeds, are disgracing yourselves further before progressive mankind and our homeland's people. Come to your senses and be aware that by bringing this or that brutally tortured Tudehi on the stage, you cannot suppress our homeland's national liberation movement and the Iranian Tudeh Party. The accursed Mohammad Reza took this wish to the grave, and all followers of Mohammad Reza's path, even under protection of Mo'aviyeh's and Yazid's Islam and the cloak, will also take this wish to the grave.

The Iranian people are well acquainted with the proud history of the Iranian Tudeh Party. For this reason, your condemned stage management, with or without a smile, in respect to the leaders of this party, will achieve nothing but more disgrace.

IRNA Notes Soviet Radios 'Unsavory' Propaganda

LD282335 Tehran IRNA in English 2004 GMT 28 Aug 83

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 28, IRNA — Soviet radios continue their political attacks and unsavoury propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran more energetically than ever before.

The Soviet's stance towards the Iraqi imposed war whip [as received] announced for the first time in the Persian service of Radio Moscow on August 15, 1983.

The number of these antagonistic broadcasts reached 34 from August 16 to August 26, some of which have been repeated in other services of the radio due to the importance the Soviet Union attached to them.

The Soviet radios broadcast general articles about the defunct Tudeh Party but they came out vigorously in support of the party immediately after Imam Khomeyni the leader of revolution and founder of the Islamc Republic of Iran made a speech about the reasons of the Tudeh Party on August 21. The radios have ever since tried to somehow justify the undeniable and self-confessed treacheries of the party.

Within 24 hours of the imam's speech 8 of the 21 broadcasts of Radio Moscow were about the self-admitted spies of the Tudeh Party, but after the televised interview of Nureddin Kianuri the secretary general of the defunct party last night there has been no word from the said radios on that issue.

Formation of National Sovereignty Front Announced

GF290535 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 28 Aug 83

[From news headlines]

[Text] Hassan Nazih, former president of the Iranian Bar Association, has announced the formation of a new front to be called the Front for the National Sovereignty of Iran. The Front for the National Sovereignty of Iran has issued a statement saying that

toppling of the Khomeyni regime is the first item on the front's program.

Shiraz Pilgrims Arrested for Currency Violation

GF011934 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 1 Sep 83

[Summary from poor reception] The first group of pilgrims from Shiraz left by air today for Mecca.

The Shiraz prosecutor this afternoon told the Central Press Unit that certain would-be pilgrims, who had concealed Iranian currency on their persons, were arrested by the revolution guards and airport officials and were barred from visiting Mecca.

Please listen to atelephone message from Shiraz Prosecutor Mir'emadi:

[Begin recording] A group of pilgrims left for Mecca today and a rally was held at the airport on this occasion. Several provincial officials, including the local governor, attended the rally. It was reported by the local revolution guards that some pilgrims were carrying Iranian currency which by law cannot be taken out of the country. They were informed of the law and their plane tickets were canceled. I would like to warn would-be pilgrims to desist from such acts or they will lose their chance to visit Mecca. [end recording]

Reportage on Recent Afghan Mujahidin Activities

Fighting in Herat Province

GF271700 Tehran IRNA in English 1620 GMT 27 Aug 83

[Text] Zahedan, Aug. 27, IRNA — Eleven government soldiers were killed by the Afghan Muslim mujahidin last week in a surprise attack launched on a concentration site of the joint Soviet and Afghan government troops in the Governorate of Tulak of Herat Province. Also 6 Kalashnikovs along with 600 bullets fell into the hands of the mujahidin in this attack.

Informed sources further added that in another attack by the Afghan mujahidin on a column of Soviet aggressor forces in the Khandhar-Herat expressway, 8 Soviet armoured tanks and two fuel tankers were destroyed killing all its occupants during the same period.

Meanwhile an Afghan Government soldier in Herat Province unable to bear the atrocities of the joint forces joined the Afghan mujahidin bringing along with him a Soviet tank, an anti-aircraft gun, a machine gun, a Kalashnikov and 12,500 cartridges.

Downing of MIG-23

GF301614 Tehran International Service in Turkish 1830 GMT 29 Aug 83

[Text] The revolutionary Muslims in Afghanistan last week downed a MiG-23 belonging to the occupationist Soviet troops about 10 km from (?Darguen). The Afghan mujahidin also destroyed four tanks and two military vehicles in a raid on Qandahar's airport a few days ago. They also killed 22 members of the occupationist Soviet troops and Kabul regime's forces during the said raid.

Clashes in Qandahar

GF311820 Tehran IRNA in English 1715 GMT 31 Aug 83

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 31, IRNA — The Afghan Mujahidin, went on roof tops shouting slogans challenging the Afghan Government soldiers around the military centre in Qandahar city last week.

The Kabul regime responding dispatched 7 armoured personnel carriers and two vehicles full of troops to the area. In the clashes that followed the Afghan Mujahidin smashed the vehicles killing all their occupants, except for a few soldiers who managed to escape.

The challenge of the Mujahidin came at a time Kabul regime had launched an extensive propaganda claiming that it had totally crushed the resistance of the Afghan revolutionaries.

Reports reaching here further added that the Afghan government troops dared not leave their barracks. The Soviet occupation forces also from inside their bases intensely and continuously shelled Afghan Mujahidin positions around the Qandahar Airport.

Meanwhile Afghan Mujahidin have intensified their operation in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, as the sound of machine gun fire and especially missile attacks can be heard in the southern and Arabic [as received] area of the city.

Deputy Majlis Speaker Leaves for DPRK

LD301036 Tehran IRNA in English 0927 GMT 30 Aug 83

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 30, IRNA — A parliamentary delegation of Iran led by Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Mohammad Yazdi, vice speaker of the Majlis, left Tehran for Pyongyong, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Monday evening.

Prior to his departure, Hoj. Yazdi told IRNA that his visit to that country was at the invitation of DPRK parliament which also coincided with the celebrations of independence of that country. He hoped that the meeting would play a positive role in strengthening Irano-DPRK ties.

Technical Relations Reviewed With GDR Officials

GF291636 Tehran IRNA in English 1624 GMT 29 Aug 83

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 29, IRNA — The deputy minister of heavy industries of German Democratic Republic, Rolan Schomann, met and conferred with the Industries Ministry deputies in charge of plans and projects, and electricity and electronics, Yaqut-Fam and Sami'e, respectively.

During the meeting issues of bilateral interest and technical relations between the two countries were discussed. It was also agreed to follow up articles of an agreement signed between the minister of chemical industries of GDR, and the Iranian minister of industries the previous year. GDR Minister of Industries Gunther Wychofsky visiting Iran last year had signed the agreement.

Rolan Schomnn arrived here early this morning heading a delegation.

Cabinet Approved Financial Allocations Listed

LD312322 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 31 Aug 83

[Text] During the Cabinet session held this morning and chaired by President Khamene'i, a report of the Economic Commission of the Finance Ministry containing urgent proposals was discussed. The following points were approved:

1. Allocation of 30 billion rials to the National Defense Ministry to meet expenses arising from the imposed war.

2. Allocation of 30 billion rials to the Ministry of Islamic Revolution Guards Corps to meet expenses arising from the imposed war.

3. Allocation of 700 million rials to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to meet current expenses in connection with the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and other projects.

4. Allocation of 200 million rials to the Ministry of Housing and Urban development to complete projects of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5. Allocation of 100 million rials to the office of the governor general of Bakhtaran to meet expenses arising from the imposed war.

6. Allocation of 20 million rials to the Amir Kabir Industrial University, formerly known as the Tehran Polytechnic, to purchase hostel equipment and to repay its debts.

7. Allocation of 30 million rials to the Dehkhoda Dictionary Institute to cover the expenses for publication of the dictionary.

8. Allocation of 200 million rials to the Tavanir Company [Tehran power authority] in order to provide security for power stations and substantions.

9. Establishment of Commerce Department offices in those cities understood to have priority.

10. Increasing noncash allowances to the working, retired,and conscripted personnel and pensioners of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Defense Ministry, the police and the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and their dependant families.

Also at this session, reports by the Majlis services and technical committees were discussed and several of proposals were approved.